

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

- 1.-45. (canceled)
46. (currently amended) A method for enhancing an immune response to an antigen in an individual to which said antigen is administered comprising administering to said individual an amount, effective to enhance said immune response, of a composition comprising a saponin adjuvant and an excipient, said excipient being selected from the group consisting of a ~~β -cyclodextrin~~ β -cyclodextrin, a human serum albumin, a deacylsaponin, ~~and a nonionic surfactant~~ Polysorbate, and Triton X-100.
47. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the saponin adjuvant is a heterogeneous saponin adjuvant.
48. (previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the heterogenous saponin adjuvant is Quil-A.
49. (currently amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the saponin adjuvant comprises two or more substantially pure saponins selected from the group consisting of QS-7, QS-17, QS-18, ~~QS-21~~, and QS-21.
50. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the saponin adjuvant is a substantially pure saponin adjuvant.
51. (currently amended) The method of claim 50, wherein the substantially pure saponin adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of QS-7, QS-17, QS-18 and QS-21.
52. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the substantially pure saponin adjuvant is QS-21.
53. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the substantially pure saponin adjuvant is QS-7.
54. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the antigen is a peptide, a protein, a polysaccharide, a lipid, or a nucleic acid.
55. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 46, wherein the excipient is a ~~nonionic surfactant~~ Polysorbate or Triton X-100.

56. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 55, wherein the ~~nonionic-surfactant~~ excipient is a Polysorbate.

57. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 56, wherein the Polysorbate is Polysorbate 20, Polysorbate 40, Polysorbate 60, or Polysorbate 80.

58. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 46, wherein the excipient is β - cyclodextrin.

59. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 58, wherein the β - cyclodextrin is hydroxypropyl- β - cyclodextrin.

60. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the excipient is a human serum albumin.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the excipient is a deacylsaponin ("DS").

62. (previously presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the excipient is DS-1.

63. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said antigen and said composition are administered to said individual concurrently.

64. (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said individual is a mammal.

65. (previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein said individual is a human.